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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURE;  
SCORE FAILURES TO FULFILL PLANS

ENFORCE SNOW-RETENTION MEASURES -- Sofia, Izgreve, 26 Nov 50

The measures for snow retention introduced during the winter of 1948-49 in the Tolbukhin Agricultural Experimental Institute have considerably increased crop productivity. Wheat crops, for example, have been increased from 57.8 kilograms to 119.2 kilograms per decare.

State farms in Karnobat Okoliya applied the method in the winter of 1949-50 and obtained wheat yields of 216 kilograms per decare, compared to 155 kilograms before the introduction of the snow-retention program.

A farm workers' cooperative in Tolbukhin Okoliya, which has also employed the new system, harvested 266 kilograms of wheat per decare, compared to the 211 kilograms harvested heretofore with the aid of fertilizer, but without snow retention.

The method will now be generally applied throughout the areas producing spring and winter crops, especially in Stalin, Ruse, Burgas, Yambol, Stara Zagora, Kolarovgrad, and Plovdiv okrugs. Portable barriers and covers, sunflower and corn stalks, straw piles, twigs, brush, and any other materials on hand will be used for the purpose. The Ministry of Agriculture will dispatch instructors to any okoliya people's soviets which will conduct a one-day instruction courses for farm workers' cooperatives, state farms, and private farmers. Plans for snow retention must be prepared before 5 December 1950 in every farm workers' cooperative, village, okoliya, and okrug, and the necessary equipment must be ready before 10 December and in the proper areas before 15 December. An educational campaign will acquaint the rural population with the value of the system.

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TRAIN ADDITIONAL TRACTOR OPERATORS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 1 Dec 50

About 1,800 of the younger members of TKZS (farm workers' cooperatives) will be trained this winter to operate tractors. According to the decree of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, 3-month instruction courses will be conducted in 26 populated places. After completing the courses, the young men and women will be dispatched for tractor work in MTS throughout the country.

Ninety tractor operators from various MTS will be enrolled to train as operators of TS-80 and KD-35 tractors.

COTTON-PURCHASE PLAN LAGS SERIOUSLY -- Sofia, Izgrev, 26 Nov 50

As of 21 November, the cotton-purchasing plan has been fulfilled by only 55 percent. The failure is due mainly to the late dispatching of plan quotas to villages and okoliyas. Because of this tardiness, many villages in Plovdiv Okoliya could not allocate quotas among the farmers of the area before 6 November, and in some villages they have not yet been allocated. There are also cases, for example Bogatovo Village of Sevlievo Okoliya, where the chairman of the village soviet does not even know of the existence of the cotton-purchasing plan.

Many okoliya party committees underestimate the importance of the campaign and fail to direct the necessary educational propaganda work. On the other hand, cotton producers who have complied with their obligations are not receiving any encouragement. Kulaks are quick to take advantage of this negligence and spread hostile propaganda. Some of them are openly ignoring their obligations: a kulak farmer in Khaskovo Okoliya handed in 1,570 kilograms of cotton instead of his quota of 2,440 kilograms; another, of the same okoliya, delivered only 60 kilograms instead of 980, etc. It has also been noted that Tekstilni Vlakna organizations have failed to demonstrate the proper persistence in their purchasing operations.

COTTON-GINNING PLAN STILL UNFULFILLED -- Sofia, Izgrev, 1 Dec 50

The ginning of the 1950 cotton crop, as of November, has been fulfilled by only 89.9 percent. Many ginning centers are idle, and 525 tons of unginned cotton are still kept in warehouses throughout the country because of the failure of the purchasing campaign, which has been fulfilled by only 96 percent. As a result, ginning centers have to stop work because of the shortage of cotton, and their motors are being used for carding operations.

EGG-PURCHASING PLAN LAGS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 1 Dec 50

The yearly egg-purchasing plan has been fulfilled so far by only 75 percent. The rayon export centers of the Yayitsentrala state commercial enterprise in Lom, Vidin, Oryakhovo, Turgovishte, Stalin, Provadiya, Novi Pazar, etc., are still considerably behind in their plan fulfillment. The reason for the failure lies in poor leadership, inadequate control of the Yayitsentrala agencies and Rayon Cooperative Unions, and the indolence of purchasing agents and cooperative farmers.

The Central Cooperative Union has penalized 250 purchasing cooperatives for shortcomings in the egg-collection campaign.

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